New Haven Feb 7th 1841

My dear Brother

Our fears with regard to the steamboat New Haven, proved to be groundless. We had a safe & pleasant passage & arrived here in just six hours & only half an hour longer than each of the three passages I have made in the New York —

The Captain said, that the story which brother Charles heard about plugging the boilers with wood &c was all false — that he had never been obliged to stop to repair. — We heard of some persons who did not come up in consequence of the reports — & there were some on board who said they should have waited for the other boat if the next day had not been the Sabbath —

It is true that the boat is soon to be laid up to undergo repair have new boilers &c — & this fact being known there seems to be little confidence in its present safety

Willy had been a little unwell during our absence & last night was so sick as to keep his mother up, from three o'clock — He is better to day though slightly feverish. His indisposition is caused by his teeth. several of which are nearly through —

Sister Nancy thinks your likeness a very good one & is much gratified with the sight of it — but the attitude & expression of brother Charles' do not please her — In a strong light yours appears to me much better than it did as I first saw it — but the expression — though such as you sometimes

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wear - is not the usual one - & therefore not the most natural - The expression of C—, is very forbidding - & I hope he will be able to get rid of it by attention or otherwise -

Charles will write to you as soon as he has sought out the case in Law, which you mentioned to him -

We have fine weather here - clear & mild - considerable snow on the ground, but it is fast disappearing under the bright rays of the sun -

I conclude you did not feel very anxious about us yesterday - but presume you will be glad to hear of our safe arrival ———

With love to sister Teresa Mary & Eddy

I am your affectionate Sister

Elizabeth

Charles, Nancy & Cornelia send love -